

EXHIBIT A

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**Sent:** Friday, July 20, 2001 9:18 AM  
**To:** Chang, Ken  
**Cc:** Para Segaram (para); Zerbe, Jared; Donnelly, Kevin  
**Subject:** Re: [Fwd: Re: JN1]

Ken Chang wrote:

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> Nhat Nguyen wrote:  
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>>> On the technical front: we came out of the meeting with a simple TX-path  
>>> design (Bill & Nhat) and a simple RX-path design (Nhat).  
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> I think we need to discuss your design for the Rx-path at some point. I  
> plan to write a patent disclosure based on the solution I mentioned to Para  
> and you briefly before. I just want to make sure that your solution is not  
> exactly what I had in mind.

Ken,

To be very honest, it was a 3-minute chat and I had no idea what you had in mind. Para wanted to hear what I had written down on a frame-maker document the potential problems with the existing CDR when you approached us.

I had 2 technical discussions with Kevin before he left and it was before our brief chat. At the time, my thinking was that the TX & RX paths had the same speed paths. The solution I discussed with Kevin was a simple & elegant one. Later on, after Anil confirmed to me that the speed in the two paths can be different, I went on to finer tune the solution I had had in mind.

Feel free to write a disclosure based on whatever your thinking is. It could very well turn out that yours and mine are similar but as far as I'm concerned, I have no knowledge whatsoever about yours. Keep in mind that before our brief chat, we never had a discussion on the JN1 problems.

I hope that's clear.

Nhat

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